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Rifai sees Assad in Damascus

AMMAN. — Jordan's Prime Minister Zaid Rifai returned home from Damascus on Friday night after a brief visit to Syria during which he conferred with President Hafez Assad. Amman radio said Rifai handed Assad a message from King Hussein but did not give any details. A Syrian official source said that the discussions between Rifai and Assad dealt with the general situation in the Arab region and in Lebanon, in particular. Other sources said Rifai's talks in Damascus touched on Jordan's quest to purchase a Soviet anti-aircraft missile system in view of the obstacles facing an Amman-Washington deal over 14 Hawk missile batteries. (See story, page 4)

The Egyptian Middle East News Agency on Friday reported that two Soviet high-ranking officials had secretly visited Amman recently. The agency said that the Russian emissaries had met with King Hussein, but no details were disclosed. (UPI, MENA)

Have-not civil servants begin strike today

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two thirds of the civil servants, who do not receive specific allowances, will begin a strike today in protest against a Government-Histadrut agreement to equalize their pay with the other third over a two-year period. The workers want the equalization to take place within six months, as the Barak Committee had recommended.

On the other hand, the 20,000 civil servants who do receive specific allowances will begin their own sanctions or strikes in the next few days against cutting these perks.

The Government-Histadrut agreement, initiated on Friday, also provides for a 2.5% wage increase this year and next year.

The Cabinet and the Histadrut Central Committee are expected to approve the agreement today, despite Independent Liberal protests. The Independent Liberal ministers have demanded that the Barak Committee recommendations (which also call for a wage freeze) be implemented.

In accordance with the sanctions beginning today, all Government offices except Defense, Police, Communications and Foreign Affairs will be closed to the public. The tax-collecting departments in the Treasury and National Insurance offices will remain open to the public, because those employees receive the specific allowances.

TRAIN SERVICE CUT

Five trains scheduled to depart between 9.50 and 11 a.m. today will not leave their stations. Trains en route will complete their journey. The administrative clerks in the courts will refuse to receive the public until Tuesday and new trials will not be heard. But exceptions will be made in cases of arrests, releases, payment of alimony and actions to prevent people from leaving the country.

Under special permission by works committee leaders, Government Tourist offices will be open for tourists only.

On Tuesday, leaders of the 40,000 have-nots will discuss how to gradually escalate their sanctions to a full strike.

The have-nots are demanding that all employees in the same grade receive the same pay. The Barak Committee had recommended that the specific allowances be abolished by October, but Friday's Government-Histadrut agreement provides that the special perks be cancelled out by March 31, 1978. "After being discriminated against for three years (by not receiving the specific allowances) they now want us to be discriminated against for another two years," Matti Rothbard, one of the have-not leaders told *The Jerusalem Post*.

But the 20,000 have-nots served notice they will fight attempts to cut their benefits.

APPEAL TO COURTS

Yitzhak Mann, representing the customs officials, said they would appeal to the courts. Some perks were obtained in compromises approved in courts and cannot be cancelled, he argued. But members of the Barak Committee said that those compromises were part of wage agreements which had expired on April 1 and were not binding for future agreements.

Yitzhak Shaffer, representing the employees in the Ministry of Communications, told *The Jerusalem Post* that sanctions or strikes are expected in a few days. This means that the entire civil service faces disruption. But Arnon Gatzl, director-general of the Finance Ministry, said that the Government was set to deal with such situations. He declined to elaborate or comment on reports that back-to-work orders were being prepared.

The agreement initiated on Friday provides that the allowances be frozen. Hitherto they had increased in accordance with rises in the cost-of-living increment.

The cuts in the specific allowances will be made when wages and cost-of-living increments are increased. The have-nots will get smaller increases until their special perks are cancelled out, it was decided.

The allowances will be abolished in five stages, but details were not revealed. The Treasury had proposed several alternatives and the Histadrut Central Committee will today choose between two of them.

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinovitch said Friday that unless the perks were cut, the economy would face a very serious upheaval. What is important is not how long it takes to cut the specific allowances but the fact that they are cut, he declared.

COPIED BY HAND

By the time the Government-Histadrut drafting committee completed its work on Friday, the typists had gone. One of the committee members copied it by hand, the parties initiated it, and the pages were photocopied.

Gideon Eshet adds:
The cost to the Government for the increased wages in the public sector amounts to IL200m. Treasury officials said yesterday. This is the cost of a 2.5 per cent wage increase to 300,000 employees in the public sector. From this amount should be deducted the decrease in wages of the employees who receive specific allowances. This amount is yet unknown, but does not exceed IL25m. in one fiscal year.

The source of the increased cost will come from the reserves in the budget, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday, and the ministries will not have to cut expenditures to finance it. For legal reasons, the budget reserves can be used only as of June, when the first quarter ends. In the meantime, the increased cost for salaries for the first three months will be taken from current budgets already approved by the Knesset.

'Other public servants should get raise too'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — All public servants should get the same five per cent wage increase given to the civil servants, Uriel Abrahamowicz, chairman of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, declared here Friday.

He said he expected the agreement on wages of municipal clerks and employees in other public institutions to be signed in the next few days.

Frangieh signs decree: Vote for new Lebanese president now possible

BEIRUT. — Lebanese President Eimán Frangieh yesterday signed a crucial constitutional amendment which again makes possible political settlement of his country's year-long civil war, without the signature, political progress in the present crisis would be out of the question.

The amendment, passed two weeks ago by Parliament, enables deputies to elect a new President immediately instead of waiting until July, as previously prescribed by law.

The next step now will be for Parliament to meet and, if it elects a new President, for Frangieh to resign to leftist demands and resign chief of state.

With the war atmosphere as explosive as it is in Lebanon, it is possible for any party which has so far aggravated the tensions, more violence erupted here yesterday morning when several shells fell on or near the terminal at Beirut airport. Two people were injured in the shelling attack, the second this week. Flights at the airport were temporarily suspended. The damage was done in the attack and officials said they did not know who was responsible.

The airport, located south of Beirut, lies close to several suburbs where fighting between left and right-wing groups frequently breaks out.

In reporting President Frangieh's signing of the vital constitutional amendment, the radio station supporting him said a copy of the law was referred to the office of Prime Minister Rashid Karam for forwarding to Parliament.

The resignation of the 65-year-old President has been demanded by leftists as the prime condition for a political settlement of the crisis. The Lebanese left declared a ceasefire in the civil war 22 days ago to allow a peaceful transfer of power. But the cease-fire has never taken hold, and casualties since then have averaged more than 50 killed per day.

Frangieh withdrew from his palace outside Beirut last month after it came under leftwing shelling and rocket attack. His present residence is north of Beirut in the Christian heartland of Lebanon. (Reuters)

K on security force

LONDON. — The U.S. is trying to negotiate the formation of a Lebanese security force to maintain order once a new Lebanese President is elected, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said on Friday night.

Dr. Kissinger, who arrived here from Washington en route to Africa, discussed ideas for the security force in a meeting here with L. Dean Brown, the U.S. special envoy to Lebanon.

He did not answer directly a question on whether the force might include Palestinians, saying only that any security force would have to be acceptable to all sides.

Speaking to reporters after his meeting with Brown, Kissinger said he thought the process of electing a new President to succeed Frangieh could be completed in about two weeks.

Kissinger said Brown had involved himself in the discussions on a security force because he was perhaps the only person in Lebanon who had been in touch with all of the factions.

"He played a useful, almost decisive role in this diplomatic process," Dr. Kissinger said.

Brown will return to Washington and then go back to Beirut for about two more weeks before he is replaced by the new U.S. Ambassador, Francis Maloy. (Reuters, AP)

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Siamese twins born in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A pair of Siamese twins — girls, weighing 3.80 kg. together — were born at Hadassah Medical Centre in Jerusalem yesterday.

The girls were born connected in the chest and abdomen, and doctors were last night attempting to determine whether they had separate organs, which would make it possible for them to be separated later.

The birth, a natural one, took place at 7 p.m., and was the first for the young mother, aged about 20. No details on the mother or her family background were available. Prof. Zeev Polshuk was the delivering doctor.

According to hospital officials, there are only four births of live Siamese twins each year, on the average, throughout the world. There have been such births recorded in Israel previously, but this is thought to be the first one of live infants.

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Third Army holds Sinai manoeuvres

CAIRO. — The Egyptian 3rd Army conducted manoeuvres last week in which formations of land and air troops took part in southern Sinai, press reports said yesterday.

This is the first announced military exercises carried out by the 3rd Army since the October 1973 war. The 3rd Army was besieged by Israeli troops for more than 90 days after the war ended.

Kissinger starts tour in Africa: Voices support for black rule

NAIROBI, Kenya. — Warning that "time is running out" for Rhodesia's white rulers, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday began a two-week visit to black Africa hoping to demonstrate firm U.S. support for black majority rule and economic progress.

"Africa's future will be shaped by Africans," Kissinger said as he stepped from his plane. "But I am here to assure you, unambiguously, that the United States will support Africa's aspirations and concretely assist your endeavours."

With hostile demonstrations in prospect at least on one stop, Tanzania, he faced an uphill battle in convincing liberation leaders that the U.S. is sincere, although somewhat of a late-comer to their cause.

"I have come to Africa," Kissinger said, "to declare that the United States identifies itself with the two great aims of the peoples of Africa — human dignity and economic advance. Without the realization of these great dreams, which are the dreams of all peoples, we cannot speak of a just world order."

Senior U.S. officials are certain that the Ian Smith regime's days are numbered, and they are searching for the proper mixture of "political, economic and psychological approaches" to bring about black rule in less than two years — and peacefully.

Soviet arms shipments to guerrillas in Mozambique and the presence of some 15,000 Cubans in Angola, Mozambique, Congo (Brazzaville), Somalia and Guinea, serve to increase pressure on the Ford Administration to persuade Rhodesia and South Africa to yield to black rule.

"We believe that time is running out," Kissinger said on a stopover in Britain. "The opportunity for a negotiated settlement that may still exist must be seized almost immediately."

He told reporters after meeting with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland at the Waddington Royal Air Force base that "as far as the United States is concerned we will give our fullest support to the immediate resumption of negotiations designed to bring about majority rule in Rhodesia in the near future."

These talks between Smith government representatives and Joshua Nkomo's domestic wing of the African National Council have broken down.

One of Kissinger's principal themes is that the U.S. does not seek a sphere of influence in Africa. He couples this with stern but unapologetic rhetoric about the Ford Administration's will to resist should the Soviets repeat their "adventurism" in Angola through Cuban "surrogate forces" against Rhodesia or elsewhere.

"As long as the solution is sought with African methods in an African context," Kissinger said, "we will not take sides to express our preference."

"We have no interest in lining up some countries with us and other countries with some other powers, or lining up some liberation movements with us and some with other powers."

"We believe they should cooperate and that in that way they can guarantee the solution will be an African solution."

During the flight aboard Kissinger's 707 jet, senior officials said the Secretary's words were deliberately chosen "in an attempt to bring pressure on the Ian Smith Government in Salisbury to resume negotiations leading to majority rule."

The U.S. is concerned that unless a settlement can be reached quickly in Rhodesia a widespread war, financed by the Soviet Union, could eventually engulf the whole of Southern Africa.

However, African leaders Kissinger will be meeting, including Tanzania's President Julius Nyerere and Zambia's Kenneth Kaunda, have said no longer is there any hope of a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia and that they are now publicly backing guerrilla war.

The senior officials on the aircraft said that American policy toward Africa "has been one of neglect" but Kissinger hoped to rectify this through his two-week tour. "It is useless to debate how we got here."

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Arabs renew 'racism' drive against Israel

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Arab diplomats at the United Nations have begun pressing for a new drive in UN bodies to renew charges of racism against Israel following the seeming emergence of closer relations between Israel and South Africa. "The New York Times" reported yesterday.

Quoting third-world informants, the newspaper said, however, that several Black African countries appear reluctant to go along with the Arab campaign, which is being led by Libya and Iraq. The issue was taken up at the recently-concluded African foreign ministers' meeting in Dakar, Senegal.

According to "The Times," plans to revive the charges of racism against Israel will be taken up at an international anti-apartheid seminar that a UN committee is sponsoring in Havana next month in collaboration with the Organization of African Unity. The conference is being sponsored by the 18-nation Special Committee against apartheid.

There are two types of danger to Israel's democracy, Zadok said. One comes from that portion of the population which does not accept authority and abuses its freedom to hurt democratic government. The other comes from within, from the weakness of the democratic regime which tends, in critical times, to wish for a "strong arm" to intervene and impose order.

Realistically speaking, according to Zadok, Rakah has virtually no hold among the Jewish population, and despite its destructive influence among Arabs, it poses no real danger to democracy.

But such phenomena as illegal settlement are a clear expression of such danger. "Any attempt to impose on the elected Government a policy not in line with its obligations is to be rejected, and must, including force."

Zadok recalled the demonstrations held when U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger visited Israel, as another example. These were not demonstrations designed to influence, he said. (Continued on page 3, col. 3)

Zadok added that as a minister in the Cabinet he felt he was just as responsible for the agreement made with the settlers as all the rest of the Cabinet members. However, he said, when the Cabinet will again discuss settlement policy, he will insist the Kadum settlers be evacuated. (The Cabinet is

'Syrian navy sinks Tunisian supply ship'

HAIRI. — Syrian naval units have sunk a Tunisian ship carrying supplies bound for the Lebanese port of Sidon south of Beirut, the Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

In an uncorroborated Beirut-dated report, the agency said the Tunisian vessel was sunk "before" dropping anchor at Sidon, "implying it was in Lebanese territorial waters. The agency did not say when the alleged attack took place and gave no further details of the incident."

It said Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat, better known as Abu Yassir, and an aide of Lebanese leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt went to Amman to discuss the incident with the Syrian officials.

Syria has been blockading Lebanese sea and land access routes, prevent arms from reaching leftist factions critical of its moves in Lebanon. (UPI)

Shots fired at troops in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces were last night stinging the source of shots as a group of soldiers drove Herod's Gate in the Old City Jerusalem.

Freilinger, reports that five shots were fired, apparently from inside the Gate, which is the main Saladin Street in Jerusalem. No one was hurt in the vicinity of Herod's Gate was shot but no arrests were made by late last night. Troops occasionally stoned by local elements during the search.

Last Jerusalem was in the past days the scene of several violent attempts aimed at triggering a new school unrest and street to protest Israel settlement in the West Bank. Five students were due to be tried this morning for participating over the week in skirmishes during which roadblocks were set up and tires were burned in East Jerusalem.

Skirmishes also were reported today in Jenin and Nabulus, as attempts to renew street demonstrations were followed by security forces.

A central street in Jenin was closed for traffic yesterday after explosives were discovered before they were set to go off. They were removed and dismantled.

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Haifa	54-42	54-42
Tiberias	54-42	54-42
Nazareth	54-42	54-42
Amman	54-42	54-42
Tel Aviv	54-42	54-42
B-G Airport	54-42	54-42
Jericho	54-42	54-42
Beersheba	54-42	54-42
Eilat	54-42	54-42
Tiran	54-42	54-42

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir last week received Mr. and Mrs. Alejandro Shechtel of Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gross of the U.S., accompanied by Mayor Teddy Kolek of Jerusalem.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service for the soldiers from Australia and New Zealand who fell in Israel during World War I will be held today, 3 p.m., at Anzac Forest near Kibbutz Be'eri, near the monument in their memory.

The Zim Company's board of directors held a memorial meeting for the late Rav-Avraham David Eliazar, its board chairman, on Thursday evening. Zim general manager Yehuda Rotem and other board members delivered eulogies.

ARRIVALS

Gerald Charness, Montreal; Max Goody, Toronto; Dr. Eli Adler, Edmonton; members of the Commission of Enquiry on Canadian Immigrants, which will begin in Jerusalem tomorrow.

Housing Minister Avraham Ofer, from a tour of North and South America on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds.

Hans Pfenning, deputy chief of West Berlin police, and Mrs. Pfenning, for a 10-day visit.

Maj.-Gen. James Murphy, USAF, at the head of a 25-member group from the National War College of the U.S. Department of Defense, for a five-day study tour.

DEPARTURES

Commerce and Industry Minister Efraim Bar-Lev, to Brussels, to meet with heads of the European Common Market for continued talks on ties with Israel, and to attend the Metal Industries Fair and the Air Show in Hannover, Germany (by El Al).

Yehuda Tokaty, director of the Meteorological Service, to Montreal, to take part in the World Meteorological Union and the International Air Transport Association conference.

Mendés-France here for visit

KIBBUTZ GINOSAR. — Former French Premier Pierre Mendés-France and his wife, who arrived in Israel on Friday for a two-week visit, were guests of Foreign Minister Yigal Alon and his wife at their kibbutz home over the weekend.

On his arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport Mendés-France expressed his excitement at being in Israel, though this was not his first visit. Asked to comment on relations between Israel and France, he said that the French public was favourably disposed toward Israel, but that he was not willing to express an opinion about the leadership.

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Back to school today

Children throughout Israel will be returning to school this morning, at the end of the three-week Pessah recess.

Between now and the Independence Day celebration on May 5, schools will be devoting much time to the programme "From Holocaust to Revival," aimed at teaching pupils the significance of the Holocaust to the Jewish People, and the processes by which Israel's independence was gained.

The programme, prepared by education experts, was initiated last year and received favourable reactions, the Ministry spokesman said. All schools have been provided with a wide variety of materials and teaching aids to help them implement the programme.

U.S. ire at Jordanian P.M. 'Rifai misled Saudis on cost of Hawks'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Although American officials remain confident that a compromise solution can yet be worked out with Jordan for the sale of an advanced Hawk anti-aircraft missile system, they are very angry at Jordan's Prime Minister Zaid Rifai for having misled Saudi Arabia about the true cost of the deal.

According to American sources here, Rifai, without the knowledge of King Hussein, told the Saudis, who had originally agreed to finance the \$350m. deal, that the U.S. had suddenly raised the price to \$500m., and that Jordan would therefore need more money.

Because Saudi Arabia balked at the price increase, Jordanian officials began charging that the U.S. had misled Jordan about the price, and threatened to go to the Soviet Union for the air defence system.

The State Department, at first, assumed that the Jordanians had a legitimate gripe, believing that the Defence Department had raised the cost. The original Hawk deal, which also included Vulcan anti-aircraft guns and Redeye anti-aircraft missiles, was worked out in a straight U.S. Defence Department-Jordanian Government deal.

But after checking the facts, the State Department learned that Jordan had itself gone to the Raytheon

company, the makers of the Hawk missile, and had asked for the price of additional "software" items beyond the original Hawk deal. These included equipment for support, training, logistics and spare parts. Raytheon said that Jordan's order would cost approximately another \$500m., raising the total cost to about \$800m.

Since Saudi Arabia had agreed initially only to pay for the cost of the original Hawk deal, Rifai is said here to have told the Saudi Government that the U.S. had increased the price.

The U.S. Ambassador in Amman, Thomas Pickering, had been asked by Washington to seek a formal Jordanian apology — a request that the Jordanians are unlikely to agree to, despite the fact that Hussein was not involved in the affair. The Americans, who are in contact with both Jordan and Saudi Arabia on the issue, are attempting to reach a suitable compromise that will let the whole controversial matter blow over.

According to sources here, there is talk of a Saudi 10-year loan to Jordan to pay for the additional "software" items and, perhaps, for the U.S. to help pay for some of the deal. Both Saudi Arabia and the U.S. would like to see Jordan purchase the system from the Americans rather than the Russians.

Javits: Didn't say U.S. would impose a settlement

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — U.S. Senator Jacob Javits on Friday repeated that the U.S. was likely to come up with suggestions of its own for solving the Middle East question if there is no settlement within a reasonable time. But the New York Republican, speaking to reporters before ending a three-day visit to Israel, denied that this would involve the U.S. imposing a solution or anything similar.

Javits, who left the country over the weekend, emphasized to reporters at the Tel Aviv Hilton that he had not said, as reported in the Israel press — there would be an imposed solution. Everything published on this had constituted interpretations that he had hinted this, "but that's a long way from saying that I said it."

Describing what he had seen on his 10-day tour of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Israel, Javits repeated that he found "no appetite for war." But there was also "no tendency towards peace," and one should not rule out the option of war sooner or later.

Javits noted that the municipal elections in Judea and Samaria had "demonstrated Israel's conviction to stick to democratic principles." No charge against Israel had been made by any of the Arab contacts with whom he had discussed this point.

Jewish settlement in the administered areas did not handicap peace attempts, as some arrangement could be made for the Jews there "to live in peace if the political set-up changed." He added that he did not believe the "Palestinian presence or the Palestinian personality" is the dominant issue in the Israel-Arab conflict.

Another Senator touring the Middle East — Maryland Republican Charles McC. Mathias — also left the country on Friday for Washington after a three-day stay.

ZADOK
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— they were an organized attempt to violently prevent negotiations between the Government and a friendly party, who attempt was thwarted, but it should not be forgotten, Zadok warned, since such attempts can be expected again in the future, when "we face important political decisions."

Another instance was the Yundef case, when a private family dispute was turned into a public struggle, and there were people who used threats of violence to try to violate a decision of the Supreme Court.

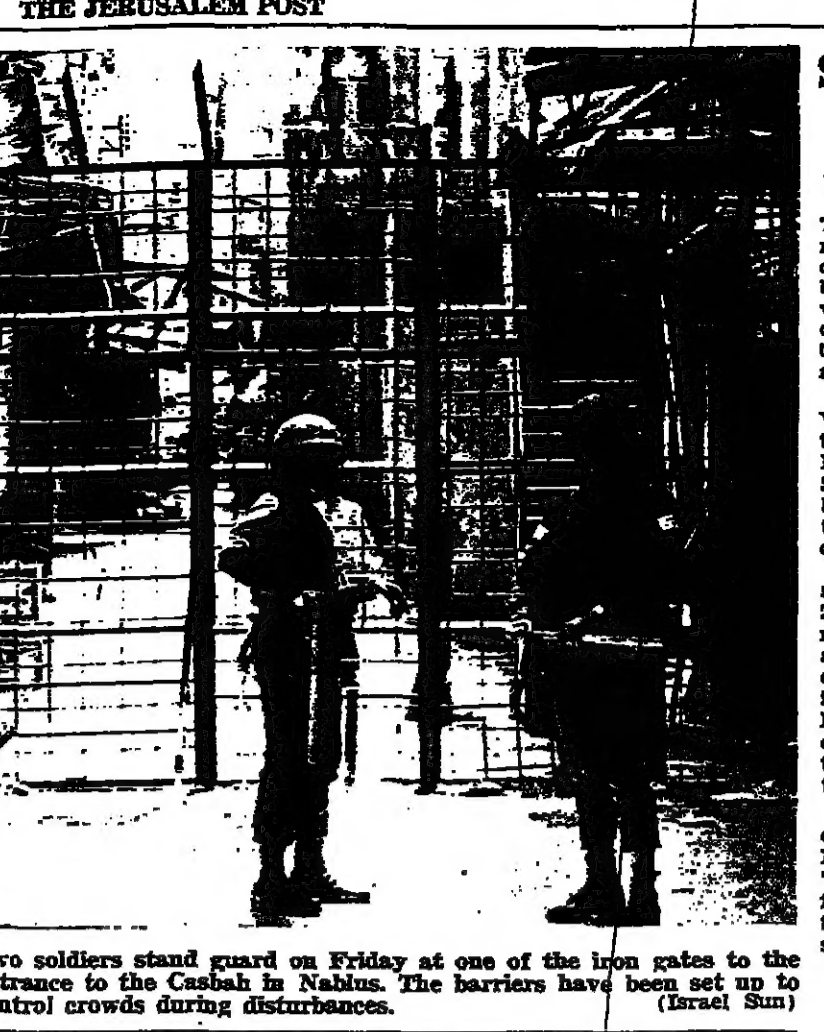
"I don't know who these people were, but it is hard to guess when they received their inspiration." To this can be added intentional provocation acts against the Arab population, unsolicited advice to the security forces on how to deal with the Arabs, prayer demonstrations at the Temple Mount while ignoring police orders, and other examples.

"Let us not treat this struggle lightly," Zadok admonished. "These people speak in the name of God and history, supreme laws which justify violating the laws made by 'mere men' of the elected Government. He warned against 'tolerant' opinions which explain that Gush Emunim members can be understood, since they are idealists prepared to make personal sacrifices. In every anti-democratic group in the world there are such idealists, but that does not make the fight against them any less important, he said."

Zadok said democracy should be strengthened by eliminating small parties which can "hold the Cabinet by the throat." This could be done by changing the electoral system, and by strengthening the internal discipline of the Labour Party — without detracting from its members freedom to debate issues.

Another step would be to give more power to the Prime Minister, so he does not have to spend so much of his time to merely ensuring the stability of his Cabinet.

Zadok closed with the suggestion that the Labour Party rejuvenate its ideological life, in order to draw more people to its ranks.



Two soldiers stand guard on Friday at one of the iron gates to the entrance to the Cashah in Nahla. The barriers have been set up to control crowds during disturbances. (Israel Sun)

'76 shaping up as Israel's best tourism year—Kol

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Israel is well on the way this year to beating its 1972 record in tourism," Minister for Tourism Moshe Kol told the Commerce and Industry Club here on Friday.

Addressing the Club's weekly luncheon meeting, he said that a total of 195,000 tourists have arrived so far since the beginning of January — six per cent better than the corresponding figure in 1972 and fully 48 per cent above last year's performance.

The Minister predicted that by the end of the year Israel will have counted 850,000 visitors, about 100,000 more than in the peak year. The revenue from tourism, he estimated, would be around \$340m., of which some \$115m. would be earned by hotels.

Mr. Kol said the tourism revival was sparked by the decision to liberalize Israel's aviation policy, although the full effect of this decision would not be evident before 1977. However, introduction of direct charter flights to Eilat has already resulted in a considerable increase in the flow of tourists to the Red Sea resort.

The new aviation policy has also revived investor interest in the tourist industry. The Minister revealed that during the last two months he had received 20 applications for the construction of popular-priced tourist hotels, 10 each for Eilat and the Dead Sea area.

Mr. Kol said he was negotiating with the Treasury for higher incentives to be paid hotels and other branches of the tourist industry. He also referred to new regulations, expected to come into force May 1, whereby hotels would be eligible for incentive payments for earnings in dollars or in Israeli lira which had been legally acquired in exchange for foreign currency.

Tourists who could not provide evidence of such legal currency exchange would have to pay a 28 per cent surcharge, as they would not be absolved from such levies as the welfare and indirect taxes, and VAT.

who pay it up to June 9, will receive a 75 per cent reduction. Otherwise, they can pay in ten instalments.

Treasury officials said yesterday that self-employed persons who do not keep books will receive another bill for advance payment in the middle of the year. They will be unable to receive reductions on these payments.

A HAIFA BUTCHER received a three-month suspended jail sentence and forfeited a IL1,500 bond for keeping meat in unsanitary conditions. Avraham Kalat, whose store is at 32 Rehov Sirkin, was sentenced Friday by the Municipal Court.

UNSIGHTLY SIGN WILL COME DOWN

No law regulates Jerusalem signs

By JUDY SUGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Municipality officials are intensifying their efforts to close a hole in city regulations on the size and form of commercial signs allowed in the city. The Jerusalem Post learned last night.

The hole in the law was pointed up when Hassneh Insurance Company was pressured on Friday into agreeing to remove an ugly and obtrusive sign — one of the largest in the city — that they had recently

affixed outside their new Jerusalem branch. Branch manager Emmanuel Zissman promised to take down the sign "within a week" and replace it with more modest lettering in character with the residential neighbourhood of Tahik.

Hassneh put up the metal, blue-and-white sign, announcing the name of the company in English, Hebrew and Arabic, after it moved a few weeks ago from Rehov Hillel. The insurance company bought the entire floor of 19 Rehov Keren Hayesod that previously housed the World Institute and whose first floor contains the U.S. Cultural Centre. After complaints from the neighbours, a sharp letter of protest from the director of the Cultural Centre, and enquiries by The Jerusalem Post, Hassneh agreed to remove the offending sign.

Although the company had requested a city permit to hang the sign — and had been refused on the grounds that it would be a blot on the neighbourhood — the sign still went up, stretching across the entire front of the building.

Youth electrocuted as he saves sister

YAFSA. — A youth from this village near Nazareth was electrocuted on Friday as he ran to save his sister, who had suffered an electric shock.

The 21-year-old youth, whose name has not been released, ran barefoot to his 14-year-old sister who had turned on a water tap to which a ground wire was connected. Another brother went to disconnect the fuse box. The two injured youths were taken to hospital, where the brother died and the sister was revived. (Itim)

Settle West Bank, say kibbutz, moshav members

TEL AVIV. — A conference of 700 members of settlements from all over the country — including kibbutzim and moshavim affiliated with various political parties — yesterday called for a renewed momentum to settlement in the West Bank as well.

The group, meeting in Moshav Ein Vered, expressed "absolute opposition" to the evacuation of the Gush Emunim settlers from Kaddum, near Sebastiya. Such an evacuation has been advocated by a number of political leaders with increasing frequency in recent days.

Several army reserve generals spoke, including Ariel Sharon, Meir Zorea (head of the Israel Lands Administration) and Dan Laner. Laner, a member of Kibbutz Neot Mordechai, said the word "occupation" is not one to be feared — just as Kantara or Kuneitra were "conquered," so were Acra and Haifa, in their time. "So what? It is our right to exist," he said.

Arye Nebamkin, secretary-general of the Labour Party-affiliated Moshav Movement, called on Mapam, "our partner in settlement," to refrain from slogans which attempt to create "bad feelings and conscience pangs." (Itim)

Nationalists' wives protest expulsions

The wives of two West Bank nationalists — Hebron surgeon Ahmed Hamze Natshe and El-Bireh dentist Ahmed Abdul Aziz — expelled to Lebanon on March 27 for organizing unrest have protested the expulsions in a letter to UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim.

In their letter, dated April 21, Mrs. Huda Abdul Aziz and Louise Hamze el-Natshe complain that the expulsion took place just before a High Court judge was to hear their lawyers' appeal, and were sent to Lebanon, despite their husbands' Jordanian citizenship.

Mrs. Natshe, noting that she is French, adds that she finds the expulsions to be without political justification.

Rabbi Levinger now allowed in Hebron

HEBRON. — The military governor of Hebron has rescinded the ban which had prevented Rabbi Moshe Levinger of the Kiryat Arba community, from going into Hebron. The ban was issued on March 20, on the orders of Defence Minister Shimon Peres, after complaints about Rabbi Levinger's conduct in the town. Rabbi Levinger had told Jewish followers in nearby Kiryat Arba to fire on demonstrators in Hebron if they were attacked. (Itim)

Easter Sunday today for eastern churches

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The eastern churches which follow the Julian calendar will today celebrate Easter Sunday. The main ceremonies will take place at the Holy Sepulchre to which thousands of pilgrims have flocked during Easter Week last week.

The eastern churches last night observed the Holy Fire ceremony marking the resurrection of Jesus from his traditional burial place at the Holy Sepulchre. Earlier, on Good Friday, hundreds of congregants, mainly Greeks and Cypriots, carried heavy wooden crosses commemorating Jesus' last walk on earth along the Via Dolorosa in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Free bus ride for soldiers starting June

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Free intercity bus rides will become available to members of the armed forces on June 1, according to an agreement reached between the Ministers of Defence and Transport here on Friday.

The two ministries agree to pay Egged the equivalent of about 80 per cent of the fare in a round sum of IL1. This will be defrayed in part by the Defence Ministry.

The free bus rides will be limited to soldiers in the regular army and will not cover reservists. The military passenger will be expected to wear identification on demand, reporters were told. (Leader — Page 10)

ARRIVALS HALL at Ben-Gurion Airport has been put to use departing passengers in the morning, when arrivals are scarce. The number of departures is more than 130,000 passengers passed through the airport since 1971, and the number is expected to reach 200,000 by April 80 — 8 per cent more than last April.

ANZAC MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Australian Embassy and the Israel War Veterans League invite Australian and New Zealand residents and visitors, at other interested persons, to a commemorative wreath laying service at the ANZAC Memorial, Be'eri Forest near Kibbutz Be'eri, today, Sunday, April 25, at 3.00 p.m.

A bus will leave for the Memorial Service from the Main Auditorium Square at 12 noon.

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Ya'acobi accepts Golan Committee proposals Central airport body to be set up

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — A new central airport administration — aimed at unravelling the bureaucratic snarl that prevents Ben-Gurion Airport from operating efficiently — will be set up by the Transport Ministry. This was announced here Friday by Transport Minister Ya'acobi.

The new administration is one of a number of far-reaching recommendations made by the almost-forgotten seven-member "Golan Committee," appointed by Mr. Ya'acobi over a year ago. It finally presented its conclusions, some eight months behind schedule, to the Minister last week.

The Transport Minister requested new ideas on the airport's scope of activities, its administrative and legal status, and on relations between the airport and various governmental and public bodies.

The airport — as a government department — prevented the management from functioning efficiently; hence the need for a change in status, giving the airport management authority to act independently. Under the new plan, the airport management will be governed by a council, which would eventually become the supreme authority of all the airports in the country.

The council will be given freedom in all matters pertaining to budget, economic initiatives, development and maintenance.

The Civil Aviation authority will remain responsible for all the legislation governing flight regulations and standards, and government planning on the national level. It will also retain overall responsibility for new airfields or extensions to existing ones — while the details of development will be transferred to the jurisdiction of the new airport council.

The Golan Committee recommendations also call for a reappraisal of the "financial privileges" now given to the Israel Air Force, Israel Aircraft Industries and El Al at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Workers now employed at the airport will become employees of the new airports administration, but subject to civil service rules and regulations. Their present salary scales will be retained.

Commenting on the recommendations, which will be fully adopted, Mr. Ya'acobi told aviation correspondents here on Friday that the Golan Committee had been set up to improve the overall performance of the B-G air terminal, including its economic aspects. He added that the administrative reorganization is similar to that adopted by progressive modern airports such as the new Paris (De Gaulle) terminal.

There will be no need for legislation to implement these recommendations and only administrative steps are required.

Ya'acobi said that B-G Airport could increase its income "by millions" if the Defense Establishment and El Al were to be charged the same fees as regular clients.

Yadlin: Won't review Israel Prizes to film, TV arts

Jerusalem Post Staff

Education Minister Aharon Yadlin has refused to convene the Ministry's executive to confirm or cancel the Israel Prize awards for the category of radio, film and television arts. His announcement came on Friday, apparently in response to demands from Knesset Members to cancel the two awards, to Mordechai Kirschbaum, producer of the TV satire "Nikolai Rooh"; and Uri Zohar, director of the film "Big Eyes."

Avraham Katz and Genia Cohen (both Likud MKs) called for the cancellation of the prizes, and Welfare Minister Zviulun Hammer and Yehuda Ben-Meir, MK (both National Religious Party) returned their invitations to the award ceremony (on Independence Day) in protest against the decisions, which they said considered "style" more than "content."

The Education Minister, who appointed the Israel Prize subcommittee of Elhanan Katz, Dina Goren and Ya'acov Malkin, said they had full authority to make the award. He had not interfered in their decision-making.

In a radio interview yesterday, Prof. Katz, chairman of the subcommittee, explained that the panel was instructed to prefer works carried out within the last five to seven years over the lifelong work of a particular individual. The purpose, then, was to give encouragement to someone at the height of his career.

Asked whether the choice of Kirschbaum had not upset the "political consensus," Katz said many works in the film and television arts treated subjects which were matters of dispute. According to the rules of the game of the Broadcasting Authority, not every programme must be politically balanced in itself. Some programmes, however, had to reflect the consensus of the entire nation, he said.

He stressed that the panel wished to give the prizes for programmes and films that addressed "reality." "We were not asked to give a prize to Kojak, but to Israeli programmes," he said. "We believe that both recipients of the prize succeed in treating Israeli society in an original way, stressing what is special in our society."

Katz also noted that Israelis spend half their leisure time listening to radio and watching the mass media. He said it was important to develop a critical awareness in such consumers.

Hadera Paper head Haimovic dies at 57

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Issachar Haimovic, the managing director of the American-Israel Paper Mills in Hadera, died of a heart attack in his home here on Friday morning. He was 57.

The funeral will leave at 3 p.m. today from the Rehov Dafna funeral parlour in Tel Aviv.

A native of Bessarabia, where he led attempts to get Jews to Israel through the British blockade, Haimovic reached this country in 1941 and joined the Palmah. In 1946 he was sent to Italy, where he organized "illegal" immigration of Jews to Israel and remained to handle Defence Ministry affairs and later to manage the Italy-Israel Bank. He took over management of the Hadera mills following a crisis there in 1961. He was also chairman of the public council for the Israel Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife Etia, two sons and a daughter.

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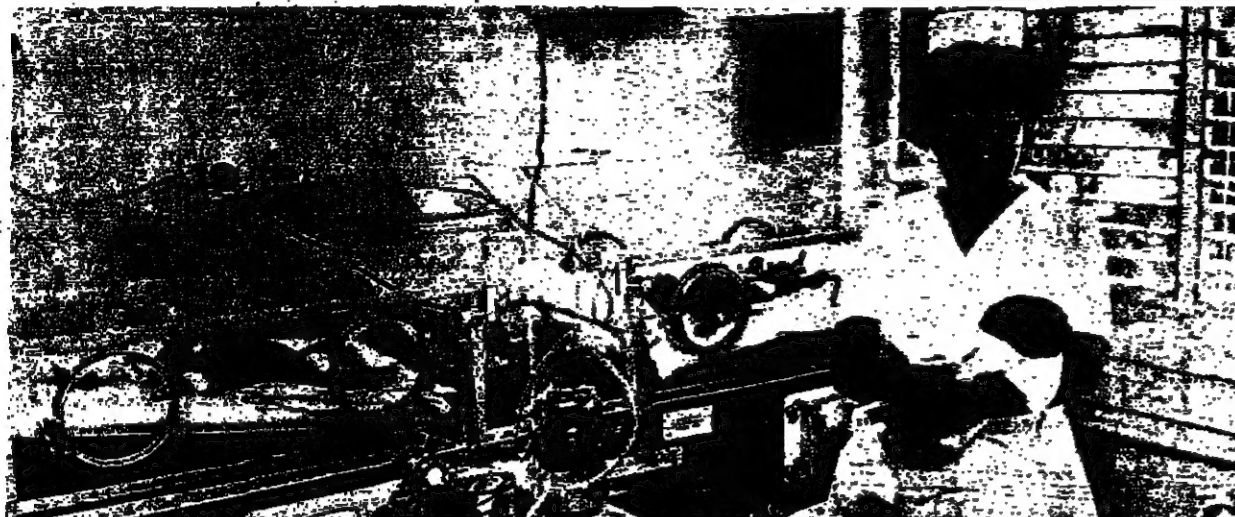
By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — The City has averted danger of a walkout by thousands of its employees today through last-minute Inter-Municipal agreement to a ten-per-cent pay for 600 blue collar workers.

Official sources in the Municipal Employees Union told The Jerusalem Post last night.

The Tel Aviv Labour Council officially announced that the 600, who have been on strike for months, will return to normal work and that the wider strike has been called off.

No confirmation of the wage-hike was available from either municipal administration or the city last night. But it was noted that talks between Mayor Menahem Bevan and municipal director Haim Kibersky took place the weekend and are to be resumed this morning with a good chance that a compromise will be reached.



These healthy triplet girls were born on Friday morning to 18-year-old Rima Muallem in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. The birth was natural and Mrs. Muallem had not been receiving fertility drugs of any kind. The Muallems were married last year and the father is still doing his army service. They live together with the husband's mother in a small prefab in Jerusalem's Ashdodim quarter. Above, a nurse holds the eldest (by a few minutes) and largest of the Muallem triplets, while the two others rest comfortably in their incubators.

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New Ramallah mayor: 'Jews hate humanity'

Residents of the West Bank ought to establish an independent Palestinian state, not linked to either Jordan or to Israel — but even if this is done, there is no possibility for peaceful co-existence with Israel.

Ramallah's mayor, Karim Khalaf, said this one day after his re-election two weeks ago, in an interview broadcast by Israel Radio yesterday.

"You Jews hate the Arabs; you hate humanity," he said. "You Jews love each other. These are our feelings, and I am certain that you will never have good relations with the Arabs, since you are not prepared or willing to have such proper relations."

Known, Chinese, Japanese or German. You will then learn how to deal with an occupation regime."

The mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij, known as a moderate, was interviewed on the same radio programme. He said that "we Palestinians, living under occupation, recognize the PLO as the official representative of the Palestinians." But he emphasized, the West Bank mayors do not form a political bloc, and he, for one, would be against any attempt to turn them into the people's political spokesmen.

Rumanian team here to sign culture exchange

A delegation from the Rumanian Foreign Ministry, headed by Domitro Tranku, head of the Culture Division, arrived in Israel on Friday to begin talks on scientific and cultural exchanges for 1978-77.

Participating in the talks is Rumanian Ambassador Ion Covaci. The Israeli Foreign Ministry is represented by Dr. Aba Gefen, head of the department for cultural and scientific relations. Leah Forst represents the Education Ministry, and Y. Rosenthal, the National Council for Research and Development in the Prime Minister's Office.

The programme, which will include scholarship grants and exchanges of students and teachers, will be drawn up according to an agreement reached during Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's visit to Rumania last May, and signed tomorrow.

Overtaxed Jerusalem retailers protest

By AARON SKITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In an undeclared tax strike, hundreds of Jerusalem retail merchants have not paid the current instalment on the municipal business tax. The Jerusalem Post has learned. The payment was due last Tuesday.

A check with the Jerusalem Merchants Association on Friday confirmed this. "Yes, our members are staging a sort of tax strike," secretary Avraham Birnbaum said. "We cannot go on being scapegoats for the Municipality's tax policies."

According to Mr. Birnbaum, two factors are behind this wide gap. First, the Capital's basic tax rate exceeds Haifa's as well as that of almost all other cities throughout the country. Second, the significant addition of turnover in tax calculations "has really brought us to the brink," he puts it.

Hitherto, Jerusalem's business tax was based on a shop's size, location, industry branch and number of employees. Last year the Municipality decided that business enterprises with four or more workers — owner's included — would be taxed according to their annual turnover. "If such a calculation would result in a higher sum than if based on the other four criteria alone."

baum added, even without this change the tax would have been IL1,695, which is more than double the equivalent tax requirement in Haifa.

The second example of alleged "tax discrimination" was that of a small neighbourhood grocery measuring 30 square metres, in a "better" part of town. In Haifa, the tax bill came to IL300 while in Jerusalem, to IL685. The Jerusalem retailers' current tax "strike" comes just as a special six-member municipal tax committee is pondering a solution to the impasse, which began about two years ago. In fact, the city's businessmen were granted a 25 per cent reduction in their tax bills for 1975/76, and a 27.5 per cent discount on the 1974/75 levy.

However, with the latest tax bills — those for 1976/77 — the merchants have taken an adamant stand demanding, as Mr. Birnbaum says, "some semblance of parity with other cities in Israel."

Plan to urge savers to hold on to loan bonds

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury is planning to encourage savers by enabling holders of compulsory loan bonds to "roll" them over without paying the tax on the due date.

He plan provides that holders of Defence or Savings Loan bonds, do not wish to cash them on maturity, may hold them for a limited saving on the same terms other linked bonds. As an added action, they will be able to cash them in on a fixed date each year.

Like all other Government bonds, loan bonds (after they mature) will be 90 per cent linked to the Consumer Price Index and carry a per cent interest. A draft on the plan will soon be presented to the Knesset for approval.

Dutch firms don't want Israeli trainees

STERDAM.

Holland is reluctant to accept Israeli experts for armed training in its food industry, according to Dutch Labour Minister, who returned from a visit to Israel, said he had requested temporary comment in Holland for 10 Israeli trainees in Dutch food processing. Israeli experts are currently doing in similar factories in the West.

He was doubtful whether arrangement could be implemented in Holland. Dutch companies recently fear Israeli commercial petition and Arab boycott reprisals. (JTA).

Rakah getting evidence of rmy brutality

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HANNA. — Members of the Left Party (New Communist List) began collecting evidence of the brutality of security forces during March 30 demonstrations in the area against government expropriation of land.

king to remain unidentified, told The Jerusalem Post that he had received photographs and a testimony from residents of min. Arabs, and this village. said many Israeli politicians, ly from leftist movements, had organizing support in the Arab res during the last week.

Weizman: Time to close book on Yom Kippur War

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former Air Force commander Ezer Weizman said on Friday that publication of late Chief of Staff David Elazar's memorandum criticizing the Agranat Committee's investigation of the Yom Kippur War had served no useful purpose, and called for an end to the continued wrangling over the handling of the war.

Mr. Weizman was answering reporters' questions at the Press Club here, to mark his return after two years to political activity in the Likud — which he predicted will form the next Government.

The time to publish the memorandum, he said, was a year ago, not now, after Elazar was dead and could not answer his critics. "If the aim of publishing it was to get at certain individuals, it represented a law way of handling the matter," he said.

And, while he had himself called twice in 1970 for Moshe Dayan to resign as Defence Minister, the man was now being unjustly criticized.

There were many others responsible for what had happened in 1973, and Dayan had not yet spoken his last word in Israel, Weizman said.

On his own memorandum, written on the eve of Yitzhak Rabin's assumption of the premiership and saying that Rabin lacked staying-power — Weizman said that "to my sorrow it has proved all too true. Would that it hadn't." The situation could not improve as long as the same people remained in power. He however praised Rabin for saying that Israel's defences lie along the Jordan River.

Weizman said the recent Israeli Arab unrest over land expropriation in Galilee stemmed from the uncertainty the Government had created over the future of Judea-Samaria (which he said Israel must keep). But expropriation had been necessary for development and a mistake, as was the term "Judea-Samaria." The attempt of Jews to pray on the Temple Mount was also a mistake, although he "would do all I can to see that the Mount remains in our hands."

'Poles let down Auschwitz Jews'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The director of the Nazi war crimes documentation centre, Tuvia Friedman, said here yesterday that the Polish underground had for many months misled Jewish prisoners in the Auschwitz extermination camp who had planned to rebel against the Nazi guards.

In a speech at a Holocaust memorial meeting here, Mr. Friedman said these facts came to light in a study he had made of a diary kept by one of the Jewish inmates, Zelig Leventhal. He managed to bury his diary in a tin can before he himself was killed in November 1944.

Leventhal wrote that the Polish underground — with whom his colleagues had been in contact through the Polish camp inmates — had asked for and received large amounts of money and valuables for their participation in the revolt, but had put off the date from month to month on the grounds that they were waiting for an all-clear from the free Polish or Soviet authorities. Finally the desperate Jews attempted a revolt of their own, which was put down.

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Suspicion, hostility await K in Africa

NAIROBI. — Dr. Henry Kissinger's seven-nation African tour, which opened here yesterday, is being viewed with suspicion and even hostility in some African countries.

The independent Kenyan "Weekly Review" magazine said the Secretary of State's visit — aimed largely at formulating U.S. policy towards southern Africa in general and Rhodesia in particular — was doomed to "inevitable failure."

The magazine said that Kissinger had come to Africa too late to influence events in southern Africa in any meaningful way and that his planned keynote speech in Lusaka next week was likely to raise more questions than it would answer.

Even the moderate, mass circulation "Kenya Sunday Nation," while welcoming Kissinger, noted that he had adopted a "Johnny-come-lately attitude in his African policy."

"It has even been suggested in some diplomatic circles that his Africa policy has been forced upon him — by the Russians and the Cubans through their military involvement in the Angolan civil war," it added.

Kissinger's 12-day tour takes him to Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Zaire, Ghana, Liberia and Senegal.

President Idi Amin of Uganda earlier this week described Kissinger as "the earnest enemy of free destiny in Africa." He said the tour was an attempt to further a policy of "divide and rule" in Africa and to disorganize African countries supporting a liberation war in Rhodesia.

A statement earlier this week by Kissinger that he regarded black majority rule in Rhodesia as possible within the next decade, which would have been extremely badly received by Africa leaders, has since been substantially modified.

A senior American official with Kissinger said that in fact the United States believed the transition to majority rule would be much swifter.

Several of the African leaders Kissinger will meet may feel his statements supporting majority rule in southern Africa are not enough and will ask him for military aid.

But the senior American official said that if they did, it would make for a "difficult trip." The United States is still in favour of a peaceful solution, he said.

In this context, Kissinger is expected to press for a resumption of the talks between the government of Rhodesia Prime Minister Ian Smith and the internal faction of the African National Council (ANC) led by Joshua Nkomo.

Questioned about relations with Vietnam, Kissinger said in London Friday he and President Ford are in complete agreement that while the U.S. is prepared to talk to North Vietnam there is no prospect for opening diplomatic relations without a complete accounting of the 2,200 Americans missing in action.

Kissinger disputed any differences on the issue with Ford, who earlier told a campaign news conference in Indianapolis "there's nothing that would convince me" that there could be diplomatic relations with Hanoi.

Standings after Friday's games: American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	7	3	.700	—
Milwaukee	6	4	.600	1 1/2
Detroit	5	4	.556	1 1/2
Cleveland	4	4	.500	2
Baltimore	4	4	.500	2

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	6	5	.545	—
Oakland	5	5	.500	1 1/2
Kansas City	5	5	.500	1 1/2
Chicago	4	5	.444	2 1/2
California	4	5	.444	2 1/2
Minnesota	3	7	.300	2 1/2

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	6	4	.600	—
Philadelphia	5	4	.556	1 1/2
Cincinnati	5	4	.556	1 1/2
New York	4	5	.444	2 1/2
Montreal	4	5	.444	2 1/2
St. Louis	3	7	.300	2 1/2

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	7	4	.636	—
Houston	6	5	.545	1 1/2
Cincinnati	6	5	.545	1 1/2
San Francisco	6	5	.545	1 1/2
San Diego	6	5	.545	1 1/2
Los Angeles	3	9	.250	2 1/2



Eastern churches following the Julian calendar observed the Holy Fire ceremony yesterday in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Greek Orthodox Archbishop Germanos is seen above at the ceremony, which symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus. Eastern churches celebrate Easter today, with main ceremonies also taking place at the Holy Sepulchre.

No individual to get a dime in Hughes will, sec'y says

PALM SPRINGS, California. — A document still exists, "probably somewhere in Los Angeles," she recalled. "He believed that when he died, some would be caught with their hands in the till. This is why some of the self-appointed crowned heads don't want the will found."

The woman, interviewed at her modest apartment in this desert resort city, told the "Sun" she wasn't surprised by Hughes' death, saying: "We all knew and he knew that he suffered from a medical-mental problem that led to his eccentric behaviour and his self-imposed exile."

She declined to elaborate on the nature of the problem.

Mrs. Rohrbeck, who has lived in Palm Springs since 1964, described her work for Hughes as unglamorous. "I was his night secretary," she said. "During the day his personal secretary was Nadine Henley. Nadine was supposed to get a 24-hour notice before being called in. I got a 20-minute notice."

"Let me tell you it was no glamour position. Many nights I would get a phone call from the boys in the back room to be at such-and-such a place, so I had to drop everything and go. And for that I got a person's wages."

CLOCKS. — Americans will set their clocks ahead one hour today at 2 a.m. in most parts of the U.S. Eastern Standard Time will now be six hours later than Israel, instead of seven.

Syria 'shares concern' on Middle East stalemate

UNITED NATIONS. — Syria has told UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim it shares his concern over the stalemate in Middle East negotiations, a UN spokesman said here last week.

This was put in a Syrian note handed to Waldheim last week, in the first response to his April 1 request for new ideas to break the deadlock. The note "was positive in tone," the spokesman said, and thanked Waldheim for his efforts.

But it offered no concrete proposals, and, in fact, reaffirmed Syria's position that any movement on the Syrian front must be coupled with movement toward establishing a Palestinian state.

Waldheim is understood to be concerned that Syria will again make its agreement for renewal of the mandate of the 1,200-man UN Disengagement Observer Force on the Golan Heights conditional on some political concession from Israel or the U.S.

The current six-month mandate of the force expires at the end of May. Last November the Syrians agreed to renew the mandate only when the PLO was invited to take part in the Security Council debate on the Middle East.

However, diplomats here have suggested that this time the Syrians may have tacitly agreed to renew the mandate without much ado, in exchange for Israel and the U.S. not opposing the entry of Syrian troops into Lebanon, to seek a role as peacemakers there. (AP)

South Africa hunts guerrillas

WINDHOEK, South West Africa. — South African troops yesterday combed South West Africa's border region with Angola in a massive hunt for guerrillas who ambushed and killed four white South African soldiers.

A military spokesman speaking from the Großfontein base at Grootfontein said confirmed for the first time that seven other South African soldiers were wounded in the attack Thursday.

A number of guerrillas, believed to be members of the South West African People's Organization, were killed when South African forces returned their machinegun fire, the spokesman said.

The intensive manhunt is being hampered by a heavy civilian population in the region which provides cover for the guerrillas, the spokesman said.

All South African forces were withdrawn from Angola last month, but they are still engaged in a growing hit-and-run war with guerrillas within South West Africa, or Namibia, as the guerrillas call the territory. (AP)

Yugoslavia beats Wales in soccer

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia. — Yugoslavia beat Wales, 2-0 (halftime 1-0), in the first leg of their European soccer championship quarter-final match here yesterday.

In another quarterfinal in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia beat the Soviet Union, also by 2-0 (halftime 1-0).

PRINCESS. — Britain's Princess Anne, who suffered a hairline crack to a vertebra in a riding accident Wednesday, was "up and about" yesterday and expected to go home from the hospital in a day or two.

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Around the world

Early elections seen in Italy

ROME. — Italy's ruling Christian Democrat Party decided yesterday to seek a vote of confidence in parliament next week, thus opening the way for early general elections.

Officially the vote will be on an emergency programme to lead out of its present political and economic crisis. But Christian Democrat Secretary Benigno Zaccagnini made it clear that the fate of Moro's minority government would be in the balance.

Observers said Moro's all-Christian Democrat cabinet is virtually certain to be toppled, and since there is no chance of putting together a durable alternative, a defeat in the vote would be equivalent to calling early elections.

According to recent polls, the Communists and Socialists could win a slim majority in the next elections. (R)

British nab 2 at atomic plant

LONDON. — Two Hungarian diplomats were held by police for 9 hours on Thursday after they were spotted by security guards at a British atomic weapons plant, the Foreign Office disclosed on Friday.

The two were apprehended by the police after a car chase. One of the diplomats, military attache at the Hungarian embassy in London, was quoted in "The Daily Express" Friday as denying spying. "I am not a spy... nothing of the sort," the paper's Lt.-Col. Lajos Hajma.

He and his assistant, Captain Andreas Toth, were seen taking photographs near the Royal Ordnance Factory at Burghfield, about 65 west of London.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the two men were detained several hours while their identities were checked. A full report being prepared and it was not known what further action was taken, the spokesman said.

Cuban says 3 died in escape

KEY WEST, Florida. — A Cuban refugee who made it to on Friday said he and eleven companions came under machine fire from a Cuban patrol boat while trying to escape the island, and that three of his comrades had been killed.

The other eight, Julio Cesar Gutierrez-Cordova said, were aboard three skippy rafts in the Florida Straits.

The 21-year-old Gutierrez-Cordova said he and his comp fled Cuba before dawn on Friday, April 16 and came under the same day from a Cuban patrol boat that tried to stop them. The Coast Guard immediately launched an air-sea search in the Florida Straits between Key West and Cuba.

Spain bans book by children

MADRID. — The Spanish Government on Friday seized a book offering political advice to King Juan Carlos from children 6-11. The Government gave no reason for prohibiting the book, Mr. King, but an official said the seizure was made on author the Court of Public Order, Spain's only tribunal for political crime.

The book contained unfattering remarks about the regime's longtime leader, Gen. Francisco Franco, and criticism of the man. The seizure of the book came on National Book Day, commemorating the death of Spain's greatest writer, Miguel Cervantes, creator of Quixote.

Tunisia sentences Libyan agent

TUNIS. — Tunisia's internal security court sentenced a Libyan to death by hanging Friday after convicting him of conspiring or kidnapping Premier Hedi Nouria on orders from Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

The man sentenced to hang was identified as Mohammed Ali N. denied all charges against him. Two other men allegedly involved in the scheme made confessions in open court and were sentenced to years' imprisonment.

Nail was the first foreigner sentenced to death in Tunisia since rule ended in 1954.

Premier Nouria was instrumental in upsetting Gaddafi's plan merger between Libya and Tunisia.

Brandt: More dialogue with Arab

VALETTA, Malta. — Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt predicted more dialogue between European and Arab states in the future. Brandt was talking to reporters at the end of a nine-day private visit to Malta.

He said West Germany took a leading role in initiating European dialogue at the time he was chancellor, and he expected more agreements in future. (E)

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French student march 'generally peaceful'

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A fierce clash came as the second in a week to test government university re-education, was breaking up on the student Latin Quarter.

Following the demonstration by at least 25,000 people passed off in a generally peaceful manner.

Earlier, there were some scuffles between police and demonstrators in front of the main march along the Sainte prison, the biggest Paris.

Ideological demonstrators on the left, flushed with the charges of being taunted and pelted with gas. Prisoners shouted encouragement to the youths.

Students marshaled maintained the role of the main body of the demonstration and their leaders used the trouble or tooligans had nothing to do with the demonstration seemed generally better controlled than the one a week earlier, when more



The first free parliamentary elections in 50 years inspired Portuguese voters to brave a cold, driving rainstorm to hear Socialist Leader Mario Soares deliver one of his final campaign speeches over the weekend in the town of Pernes. More than a dozen parties are vying for the 265 seats of parliament in (AP radiophoto)

Violent Portugal campaign ends

LISBON. — Two bombs exploded in the northern city of Oporto and an 18-year-old burned to death in Coimbra yesterday on the eve of Portugal's parliamentary elections.

But police in both cities said there was no immediate indication that political motives were involved.

However, in Lisbon, first fights and scuffles broke out during the night between supporters of the three main parties.

The two Oporto blasts, which occurred within 10 minutes of each other, destroyed two cars belonging to a local shopkeeper, but no one was hurt. The youth in Coimbra burned to death in the office of the pro-communist Portuguese Democratic Movement. But police said he was probably a vagrant sleeping there.

President Francisco de Costa Gomes appealed for a large and peaceful turnout in the nation's

Unesco nearly broke without U.S. funds

PARIS. — Unesco, the UN's educational, cultural and scientific organization, is practically broke and may have to cut down its activities before next year. Unesco sources here said on Thursday that the "financial crisis" results from the U.S. refusal to pay its contributions as a protest against the organization's anti-Israel stand.

The sources said the U.S. owes nearly \$2m. on its 1973-74 contribution and has not paid its \$18.7m. assessment for 1975. Neither has it asked Congress to appropriate an equivalent sum for 1976. Altogether, sources say, the U.S. will owe Unesco over \$41m. by the end of the year — a quarter of the organization's budget.

Congress voted in November 1974 to cut off funds after a Unesco manoeuvre that effectively barred Israel from participating in the agency's work. Unesco officials believed at the time that the Arabs and the Soviets would make up the missing funds, but they now say the money has not been provided.

On March 29, the Senate passed an authorization bill for the State Department which included \$3.5m. for the fiscal 1975 payment to Unesco and the bill now is pending before the House International Relations Committee. But even if it becomes law no payments will be made until Unesco re-admits Israel to participation.

Unesco officials' attempts at a more "moderate" approach to Israel in return for the U.S. money have foundered so far on Arab intransigence and on U.S. insistence that Unesco reverse its politicaliza-

Elections today seal Vietnam reunification

KGOK. — Millions of Vietnamese will go to the polls today to elect a national assembly and seal reunification of North and South Vietnam.

Salmon, authorities have ordered Vietcong flags flown but banned all Sunday religious and cultural activities, and braced for what termed rightist attempts to sabotage the election.

The Vietnamese People have fought for nearly three decades to achieve this election as a first to a unified Vietnam. South Vietnamese head of state Nguyen Van Thieu said in a Liberation Radio broadcast on the eve of the polling.

Not expected to be the capital of unified Vietnam of 49 million, was reportedly less hectic election preparations than in North Vietnamese radio broadcasts said that with five generations behind them. "North Vietnam's leaders have shown less

Simon says U.S. couldn't stand oil embargo

OKLAHOMA CITY. — The U.S. is not ready to withstand another oil embargo, and if the Arabs pose one now the last one would be "like a picnic," U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon said here on Friday.

"Political demagogues, environmental crazies, and the silliness of the public" were to blame for blocking efforts of the U.S. to become self-sufficient for its

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Decisive phase of Rhodesian war ahead

By DAVID MARLIN

KA, Zambia. — The blowing the Beitbridge to Rutenga rail — Rhodesia's last main route with Africa and the sea — at beginning of last week and the of three South African tour- of the same area have served to draw attention to Rhodesia's increasing vulnerability.

th 60 per cent of his security is stationed along the 1,100-km. border with his eastern neighbour Zimbabwe, Rhodesia's Prime Minister Ian Smith now faces the consequences of his refusal to settle African nationalist leaders, though it was not announced at me, the Presidents of Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia, had last July that the only solution to the Rhodesian impasse lay in escalating guerrilla war.

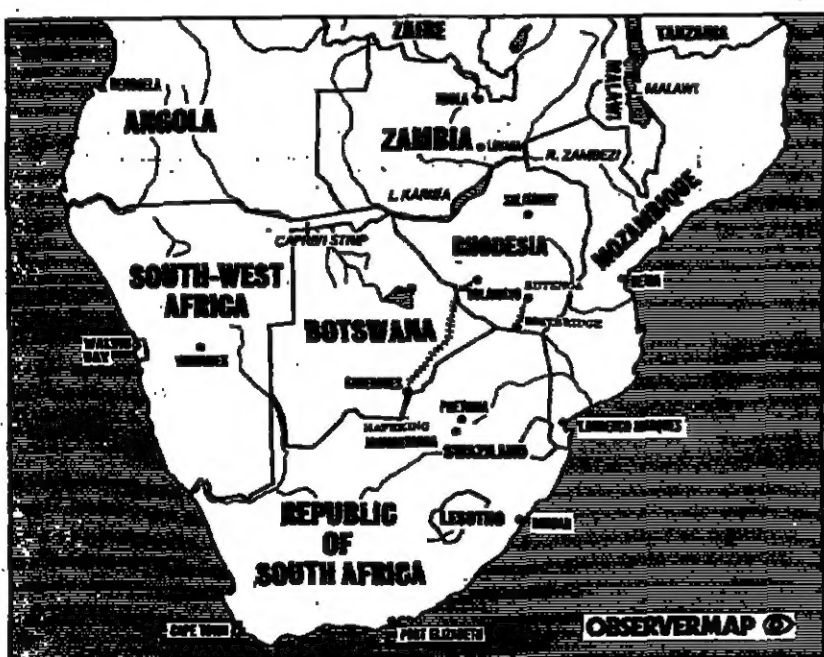
owned from most of the world's les, white Rhodesians at that fondly believed the war was with the defeat of some 200 illas who had been cut off in orth-east of the country.

late last year training got way in the guerrilla camps in mbique for what will undoubtedly be the decisive phase of the sian war. Thousands of young and women crossed the frontier Mozambique, and today nation- sources say there are 16,000 and on in training.

v many of these are actually d at present is in doubt. The guerrilla course takes as is and includes physical tough- indoctrination, and instruction in guerrilla tactics, weapons and ge.

as, despite the traumatic im- the Easter attacks, it will e until late this year — prob- 1976 November when the rains — that the guerrilla war will in earnest.

the present phase, arms caches being established inside Rhoguerillas infiltrated and con- made for supply of informa- ted and sanctuary. Large-scale mations are meanwhile being slowly avoided, and the em-



phase is being placed on demoralizing the white population and on upsetting Rhodesia's already strained economy.

Here in the Zambian capital, the four African leaders last month assessed their strategy and strategic targets. The Beitbridge-Rutenga link — only three days' march from Mozambique — is certainly the top priority.

Mozambique's closure of its frontier with Rhodesia early in March denied Rhodesia access to the ports of Beira and Maputo (Lourenco Marques), which in 1975 had handled about 90 per cent of Rhodesia's trade — 2.3m. tons.

Botswana's President, Sir Seretse Khama, has been under pressure from his three colleagues not to take any action which would precipitate an economic crisis for his poor country. But he is now trying to close another railway, which runs through his territory from Bulawayo in Rhodesia to Mafeking in South Africa and which last year carried 1.3m.

the longer the war, the greater the danger of South Africa or someone else being drawn into it. And that could turn Southern Africa into a new Indo-China.

The Easter attacks will certainly cut deeply into South African tourism to Rhodesia and serve further to undermine confidence among the country's 250,000 whites. Last year over 10,000 whites left Rhodesia for good; and although there were 12,000 new arrivals, many of these are transitory settlers who had fled from Angola and Mozambique and who will move on again. In addition, they are not liable for military service for two years, and thus every departure of young men of call-up age is a net loss to the white's security potential.

In the wider context, Rhodesia is very expendable. The landlocked country has little economic or strategic importance other than perhaps as a buffer for South Africa.

Meanwhile, the war for it has begun in earnest, and South African Premier Vorster alone has the power to determine how long it will last. For the moment the signs are that he is frightened to act, fearing a white right-wing backlash at home. But several of his most powerful advisers, including the head of the South African Bureau of State Security (BOSS), General Hendrick van den Bergh, are trying to convince him he has little to fear and must act now, severing the umbilical cord with Rhodesia, giving independence to South West Africa (Namibia) and making changes within the Republic.

Vorster's response to them will determine whether Smith has weeks, months, or up to five years left. (OFNS)

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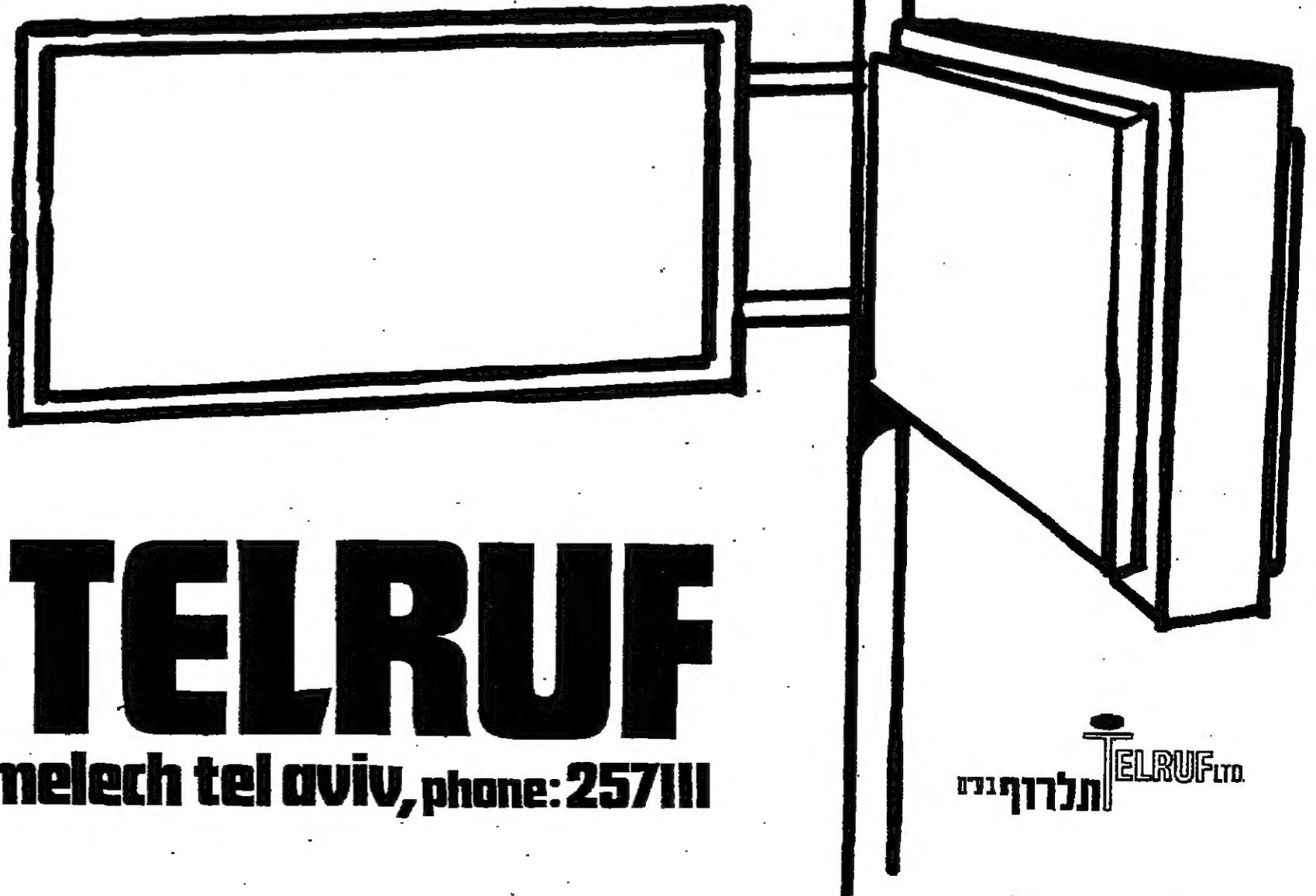
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Housing: time for radical changes

Present housing policies are unfair, wasteful, inflationary, unaesthetic and harmful to the achievement of several national goals, PBOF. ROBERT LERMAN charges in this article, in which he advocates broader access to mortgages and a change in the Government's land policies.

THE HOUSING SITUATION in Israel is at a crossroads. The cycles of inflation and speculation have slowed down, after the enormous increases in house prices in early 1976. But the cycles return, as they did after the slowdown in 1965-68. The need to build vast quantities of new housing units for new immigrants, for families, and the poor is less pressing than in earlier years.

The critical problems of the present and future concern the quality, distribution, and location of units, use patterns, and the wasted resources that result from excessive numbers of vacant units. The rising of house prices and the rising of the pressure for new housing units are the two main factors that should be carefully considered in housing policies. It is time for radical changes.

Present policies are unfair, wasteful, inflationary, unaesthetic, and harmful to the achievement of several national goals. Consider the policies relating to the financing of apartments in Israel. Most developed countries, people share a home with the assistance of a 25-30 year mortgage that carries 70 to 80 per cent of the purchase price. Government aid is reserved for low-income groups. In Israel, government aid extends well beyond the low income category, long-term mortgages are unavailable to most of the population. The Government takes 90 per cent of the money available for mortgage and channels it into subsidized mortgages primarily for new immigrants and young couples.

The results are much aid for people while others have no

opportunity to borrow long-term, even at unsubsidized rates. Without access to long-term mortgages, the family moving from the kibbutz to the city, the single person, and the couple that could not use its mortgage opportunity in their early years of marriage all have little hope of purchasing an average apartment.

On the other hand, the subsidized mortgages provided to some groups are unnecessarily generous and inflationary. The interest rate on the average directed mortgage given in the last quarter of 1975 was 10 per cent unlinked. Assuming, conservatively, that inflation is 25 per cent during the next five years and 8 per cent during the subsequent 20 years, a 25-year, IL100,000 mortgage at 10 per cent implies a grant of about IL38,000.

A MUCH BETTER alternative would be to offer broader access to mortgages, but at unsubsidized rates. One could raise the share of the house price covered by a mortgage, but charge a 4 per cent interest linked to the 3-6-1 increments paid on wages. In this way, borrowers could have some assurance that their mortgage payments, though linked, would not become an excessive burden.

The system of subsidized mortgages is inflationary. First, only a few years after receiving the unlinked mortgage, inflation causes the family's monthly payments to become a smaller and smaller burden and allows the family to save enough to buy a better apartment. Second, people who might be willing and able to rent an apartment for several years find that they must exercise their mortgage rights within three years or lose their rights entirely. Thus, instead of slowing the demand for units by encouraging people to delay buying, the Government gives them special incentives to purchase a unit immediately.

Housing policy also suffers from the unwise strategies used to disperse the population. Although building housing is an easy way to give the appearance of doing something, it is a poor method for assuring a development area's economic growth. Unfortunately, the population dispersal effort has placed far too much reliance on constructing new housing and offering favourable mortgage terms for buying such housing. Moreover, the housing strategy itself is plagued by many weaknesses.

First, the public units built in development areas have often been the same dense ghettos that have been built in big cities in spite of the much greater availability of land in development areas. Second, as a recent "Ma'ariv" article pointed out, buying a new public unit in a development town is a poor investment relative to buying one in a central area. The initial price differential is small and the capital gain possibilities are much larger in main centres than in development towns.

Ironically, the Government's policy of extensive building in development towns contributes to their low capital-gain possibilities and makes purchasing an apartment there less attractive. Because of the likelihood of lower capital gains on development area flats and the general unavailability of long-term mortgages, a young couple who might be willing to try living in a development area could well be deterred by the fear of becoming trapped. Once they use their mortgage rights to purchase a unit in a developing area, they may never have the ability to buy a unit in one of the main centres.

STILL ANOTHER difficulty with housing policy in development towns is the Housing Ministry's confusion between costs and prices. In spite of lower land costs, total building costs are often higher in development areas than in the main

centres. In fact, in many areas, the Housing Ministry's building costs exceed the market price of comparable second hand units. Given the Housing Ministry's policy of charging the full cost and subsidizing only the mortgage, the prices the Ministry charges for new public units may well exceed the real market price. In some cases, the result is vacancies; in other cases, the Housing Ministry attracts tenants at highly subsidized rents; in still others, the Ministry provides special mortgage terms to new public units that do not apply to the purchase of second hand units.

Perhaps the most critical but least understood Government policies are land policies. Current land policies suffer from two main weaknesses. The first is the slow pace of land leasing for housing purposes. Where Government land banks in countries like Holland and Sweden attempt to prevent runaway inflation in land prices by selling land at times of peak demand, the State Lands Administration in Israel has itself been partially responsible for the inflationary tendencies. Except for 1972-73, when the Lands Administration leased almost 11,000 dunams for housing, the number of dunams leased has generally been around 2,000 dunams. Moreover, these amounts vastly overstate the amount of land leased to the private market. This brings us to the second weakness in policy.

The Lands Administration leases large plots of land for housing purposes only to the Ministry of Housing and not to private builders. This means that the pace of Housing Ministry development, rather than the state of the land market, is what determines the level of land sales. The scarcity of land for housing can stimulate inflation and speculation, which does not see its role as one of slowing such inflation, will generally stand by and wait for Housing Ministry actions.

In recent years, the Lands Administration has embarked on its own development plans, but these are only pilot projects and they have proceeded slowly. The policy of selling only small plots to private builders puts private contractors at a great price disadvantage relative to the Government, because it does not allow them to reap large economies of scale. In the last five years, land leased for housing from the Lands Administration to the private market has averaged only about 500 dunams per year for the whole country. In comparison, the land leased to the Housing Ministry for one project, Neve Yaakov in Jerusalem, was about 800 dunams.

Finally, the policy of leasing large plots only to the Ministry of Housing leads to an extraordinary homogeneity of housing in Israel. The country's housing stock is an important part of its environment. The Government's land policy helps create visual pollution.

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Dwelling place—or pied a terre?

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals
Before Justices Berenson, Etzioni and Kahn.
Sheila Bujinsky, & Another, Appellants, v. Yosef Beifil, Respondent
(C.A. 99/75).

LAW REPORT
The Jerusalem Post
Edited by Doris Lankin

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal, by majority decision, against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on January 20, 1975 (in C.A. 349/73).

The respondent rented a one-roomed apartment for key money in 1956, and became a statutory tenant. Sixteen years later his landlady applied to the Magistrate's Court for an eviction order against him on the grounds that he had abandoned the apartment. The Magistrate's Court found that the respondent had an apartment in Holon in which he lived permanently with his wife and that he used the one-roomed apartment in Tel Aviv only in order to rest there during the day, as he worked in Tel Aviv, and to spend a very occasional night there. Holding that this was not "for dwelling purposes" within the accepted definition of the term, the Magistrate's Court granted the eviction order against the respondent.

In the Tel Aviv District Court, to whom the tenant appealed against the eviction order, the majority held that as the landlady must have known from the start of the use to which the apartment was put, the respondent could not be said to have "abandoned" it within the meaning ascribed to this word in judicial precedents, when he continued to put it to the same use. The District Court therefore rescinded the eviction order, whereupon the landlady appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mr. S. Saguy appeared for the appellant, and Mr. H. Amir for the respondent.

Judgment
Justice Berenson, who delivered the minority opinion of the Supreme Court, concurred with the majority opinion in the District Court that the respondent could not be said to have abandoned the apartment.

In explaining this conclusion he pointed out that in order for the protection of the Tenants' Protection Law to apply to an apartment it must be specified in the lease that it will be used for dwelling purposes. The apartment in the present case had, in fact, been let for dwelling purposes and the main question at issue was whether the use to which the respondent had put the apartment would come within the definition of "dwelling purposes" in the light of the fact that already at the time he had first acquired the apartment (after paying key money) he had already been living in his Holon apartment, with his mother, and had used the Tel Aviv apartment only for limited purposes.

Justice Berenson then went on to discuss English precedents on the question of occupation of two apartments at one time, since he was of the opinion that the respondent came within the category of persons using two apartments in different places, one for ordinary dwelling purposes and the other, partially, in accordance with the requirements of their occupations.

In England, he summed up, the

protection laws do recognize the possibility that one person may be entitled to be a protected tenant in two different apartments, depending on the particular circumstances of each individual case.

In Israel, he continued, the whole concept of protected tenancy has changed with the changing times and circumstances, and today, in contradistinction to the time when these laws were first enacted, the basic principle originally behind these laws — the need to protect the tenant in danger of remaining without a roof over his head — is no longer a decisive consideration, in view of the improvement in the housing situation. Furthermore, he added, the Key Money Law has, to a considerable extent, reduced the importance of ensuring a protected tenant of a place in which to live and has converted protected tenancy for the main part into a question of money. For this reason the existing precedents with respect to abandoning apartments should be viewed with considerable reservations (see also C.A. 12/70, Psakim M'Homim, 37/380), this being particularly so when there has been no departure in the use to which the additional apartment is being put from that set out in the terms of the lease.

In the case under consideration, held Justice Berenson, the appellant must have known from the beginning that the respondent had covered intended using their apartment for anything else but to rest in during the day and sleep in very occasionally overnight, and the fact that he had another apartment in Holon at the time he originally rented their apartment was proof positive of this. In other words, the expression "dwelling purposes" in his contract of lease must be deemed to mean this kind of use, as distinct from use as an office or place of business, and as the respondent had continued using the apartment for this purpose throughout the years, he could not be said to have abandoned it and be now required to vacate it.

In his opinion, therefore, concluded Justice Berenson, the appeal should be dismissed.

Justice Etzioni, with whom Justice Kahn concurred, said that in one thing at least he agreed with Justice Berenson: that each case should be treated on its merits in accordance with its particular circumstances. But on the basis of this rule he had reached a contrary opinion from that held by Justice Berenson with respect to the case under consideration.

In explaining his reasons for

reaching this opinion, Justice Etzioni said that it was clear from the facts of the case that the respondent had never dwelt in the Tel Aviv apartment within the ordinary accepted meaning of the word, even though it had been rented to him for dwelling purposes, as he neither slept, cooked nor ate there. There was no question, therefore, of his occupying two homes, since the most that could be said of his apartment in Tel Aviv was that it was a *pied a terre*, used for his convenience.

There was no cause, held Justice Etzioni, for granting the respondent the protection of the Tenants' Protection Law with respect to an apartment which he used for convenience only and not as a place in which to live. As to Justice Berenson's opinion that there was no longer any shortage of housing, if it be correct, continued Justice Etzioni, then the conclusion should be that the tenants protection laws should be gradually rescinded and not that they should be broadened so as to apply to exceptional cases which do not ordinarily come within their scope. In fact, he added, it is the tendency of the legislature to phase these laws out of existence and lighten the burden of landlords who have for years been deprived of the opportunity of reaping the benefits from their property which they had expected. If, therefore, there is any chance of lightening the landlords' burden by interpreting the Tenants' Protection Law in a way which meets with its legislative purpose without extending it to cases which the legislature had no intention of bringing within its scope, then the courts should grasp at it. For what is happening today is that protected tenants are enjoying a subsidy provided by the landlords.

It should never be forgotten, continued Justice Etzioni, that the rule is that where the law restricts freedom of contract, as does the Tenants' Protection Law, then it must be narrowly interpreted even if this should cause some injustice in isolated cases. A narrow interpretation, he concluded, leaves no doubt that only a tenant who actually uses an apartment for living purposes, would be entitled to the protection of the law and the fact that the respondent in the present case had rented the apartment for the purpose to which he puts it today, and had even paid key money for it at the time, was irrelevant, as there was no proof that the appellant had known of the use to which he intended putting it. The appeal should, therefore, be allowed.

An appeal allowed by majority decision with IL3,000 costs. Judgment given on March 11, 1976.

ALL STREET WEEK

Market hits 3-year high

NEW YORK — The stock market reached a three-year high this week but suddenly turned tail and retreated to a more familiar

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks leaped up more than 30 points in the first three sessions to close Wednesday at 1,012.02 — its highest finish since 1,018.66 close on Jan. 23, 1973. Volume rose steadily each day, to a 16.50 million shares on Monday to 26.60 million Wednesday on New York Stock Exchange.

But a wave of selling swept through the market at midday Tuesday and continued, after another brief upswing, late Thursday all day Friday.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average

nevertheless closed at 1,000.72, a gain of 20.23 for the week. The market's climb was driven by the report Monday morning that the Gross National Product grew at an annual rate of 7.5 per cent in the first three months of the year — better than many investors had expected.

The moderate decline Thursday was aggravated Friday by the Federal Reserve's report that the nation's money supply in the past month has grown at a rate above the Fed's long-range target growth rate. Some short-term interest rates rose in reaction, and the fear was kindled among investors that the Fed would move to tighten its credit controls to ease inflationary pressures.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Thursday, April 22, 1976

This selected list of stocks is based on final quotations.

Alcoa Chemical	42 1/2	Union Carbide	72 3/4
Amunim Co.	52 1/2	United Technology	65
American Brands	41 1/2	U.S. Steel	80 1/2
American Can	32 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	15 1/2
American Tel. and Tel.	56 1/2	Woolworth	24
Amsonda	24 1/2	Avon Prod.	42 1/2
Chatham Steel	43	Boeing	28 1/2
Crysler	19 1/2	Boise Cascade	28 1/2
Exxon	150 1/2	Citigroup	35 1/2
Kodak	111	Control Data	23 1/2
Mark Inc.	39 1/2	Disney	57
McDon	92 1/2	Dome Mines	41 1/2
Marl Electric	30	Fairchild Camera	38 1/2
Marl Foods	28 1/2	General Dynamics	54 1/2
Marl Motors	48 1/2	IBM	259
McGraw-Hill	21 1/2	Int. Tel. Tel.	27 1/2
Mar. Harvester	26 1/2	LTV Corp.	12 1/2
Mar. Nickel	33 1/2	McDonalds	61 1/2
Mar. Paper	72 1/2	Natl. Semiconductor	46 1/2
Mar. Merrill	31 1/2	NCR Corp.	26 1/2
Mar. Illinois	62 1/2	Polaroid	35
Mar. and Gambia	89 1/2	RCA Corp.	25 1/2
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Speakers: Minister ITZHAK RABIN, Deputy Mayor, Tel Aviv-Yafo

Adv. ZHAKH-BENAVENSHI, BASOK — Deputy Mayor, Tel Aviv-Yafo

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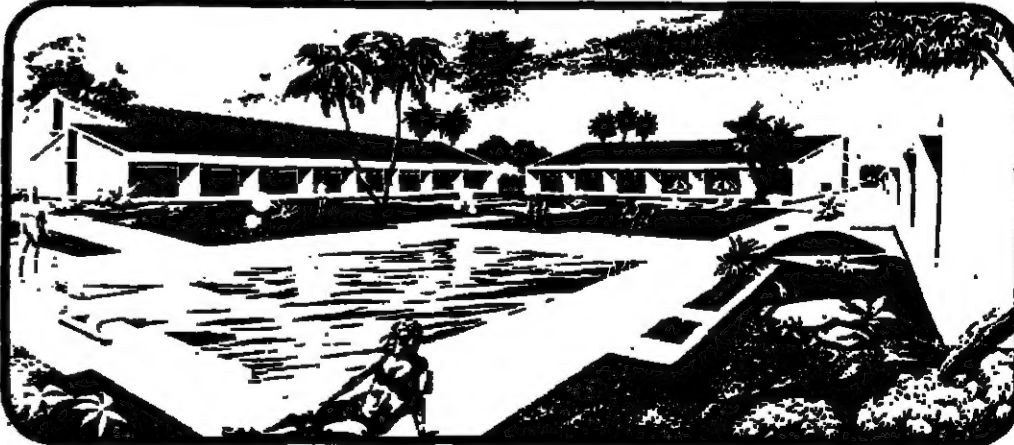
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The serial numbers of the stolen Debentures so far submitted to the investigators are available for perusal to all interested parties at all branches of Barclays Discount Bank Ltd. and Israel Discount Bank Ltd.

AFTER FRANJIEH?

EVEN AMONG Lebanese Christians there were those who supported the effort to relieve President Franjeh of his post. They felt he failed to adequately safeguard the position of the Christian community as Syria pressed to alter the constitutional arrangements which governed the country and the relations between the Christian and Moslem sectors. They also blamed him for permitting the PLO to establish itself so firmly in Lebanon.

The Leftist Moslems, on the other hand, wanted him out for just the opposite reasons, namely that he presented an obstacle to their thrust for power.

Now Franjeh has finally decided to bow to the Leftist pressures and step aside. Dr. Kissinger is apparently confident that this will set the stage for what he terms a constitutional solution to the Lebanese crisis. He has also suggested that some kind of new Lebanese security force should preserve order in the country in order to safeguard this process.

But the fact is that despite Franjeh's action there is still no reason to believe that the Lebanese crisis is on the way to solution. For what can a new President do in a country that no longer has an effective government nor an army? Moreover, the process of restoring order by means of a new constitutional arrangement would require a consensus which no longer exists in Lebanon.

The Christians have agreed to replace the past arrangements which gave them a preponderance of governmental power with a formula for equal sharing with the Moslem community. However the Leftist Moslems and the PLO — who on Friday threatened to set up their own regime unless Franjeh resigned — are not prepared to settle for that. They have much more ambitious aspirations for Moslem rule.

The question therefore remains how Syria, which would like to put the lid on all this disorder it helped ignite, is going to manage these Leftist forces who reject Syrian discipline and the need of a new Christian-Moslem consensus in Lebanon.

BUSES FOR SOLDIERS

THE MINISTRIES of Defence and Transportation last week concluded a long overdue arrangement with Egged for free bus transportation for Regular Army soldiers on leave.

One of the standards by which a society may be judged is its readiness to treat properly those of its members who serve it most meaningfully, and often without material compensation. It was thus incomprehensible why Israel — a society under a generation-old state of military siege — acquiesced, during a period of growing affluence and private and public motorization of transport, in the shameful need of its soldiers to hike in the summer sun and shiver in the winter rains in order to journey between home and army base. The problem became all the more aggravated after the Six Day War with the increase in the size of the Regular Army and in the distances soldiers on leave were forced to travel.

The government negotiators should be congratulated for taking advantage of a new situation in which Egged is pressed by the need for urgent governmental support and for additional paying passengers in order to press the claim of the country's sons and daughters.

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AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) writes that "U.S. policy towards the Lebanon situation is paradoxical: while condemning all outside intervention, the State Department refuses to condemn the Syrian presence in Lebanon — and the White House spokesman has said that Syria was playing a 'constructive' role in Lebanon. This amounts to tacit U.S. agreement to the Syrian presence."

"This is liable to have far-reaching implications on the U.S. rapprochement with Syria. And though it is too early to say what the implications will be on the next moves towards a settlement between Syria and Israel, Washington may well pressure Israel to display more flexibility, as was the case when the agreement with Egypt was negotiated."

DAVAR (Histadrut), referring to the current talks between Mapam and the Labour Party, says that while they are intended to help Mapam crystallize its own policy regarding the future of the Alignment, it is im-

portant for the Labour party also to clarify policies, as the original Alignment platform must be adapted to the internal and external changes that have taken place.

The paper assumes that "the gap in outlook between the majority in the Labour party and the majority of Mapam concerning the vital issues of the day is not a wide one, even though there are great differences between the two extremes in the Labour party. The majority in both groups favours territorial compromise, including the West Bank. And the majority of Mapam does not support total withdrawal to the lines of June 4, 1967."

HATZOFE (National Religious) welcomes Mr. Rabin's assurances to settlers in the Jordan Valley that Israel would not withdraw from that area despite Mr. Scaramon's references to it as "an area of occupation and that 'no settlement will be set up only to be abandoned some day.'"

The arms race bondage

By Ephraim Kishon

IT LOOKS as if President Ford can't stand us.

Maybe we should sympathize. Maybe we are a pain in the neck. But the fact remains, and if we had any doubts before, the "transitional aid" affair has clinched it. First the President told Mr. Rabin that Kissinger was handling it. Then K. told us that if we'd manage to convince our supporters in the Senate to vote in favour, the Administration wouldn't object. Then the Senate advised and consented — and the President objected in a huff and even accused us quite nastily that we'd hooked in the Senate behind his back.

If the President sees fit to rap us loudly and from behind the mikes right in the middle of an election campaign, he must judge that the American voter is ripe for an anti-Israeli shift, that the public only needs a bit of prodding to start viewing us as a nuisance, a millstone, a pest.

ISRAEL THE PEST is a major trump-card in American hands.

In a long line of U.S. foreign policy flops, one brilliant achievement remains for the President to boast of: Egypt's turn westward. It's an achievement that was bought off us for pennies, compared with the \$30 billion that went down the Vietnam drain. Indeed, it isn't financial difficulties that make President Ford hold back those \$550 million. But did you really expect him to get up and say frankly that the Administration wants to keep Israel weak, that it would have us totter forever on the brink of bankruptcy?

It's a clear policy line, starting with the rescue of the Egyptian Third Army and continuing through this interim aid. The means are none too subtle either: first we were done out of victory, then out of oil, and now we're being robbed of our good name with the American public. It's all mapped out, step by step, behind a smoke screen of proclamations and messages of goodwill.

WE PRESUME that at this point the reader will ask indignantly whether this writer has gone out of his mind, whether he isn't aware of the immense moral, economic and military aid we're getting from the U.S.

We are aware of it, and what bothers us is that every bit of it increases our dependence on the U.S. further. If it doesn't — as in the case of the transitional bit — the Administration sees to it that we shouldn't get it. We're afraid that even the American UN vetoers are calculating to remind us that we'd be lost without them. That's why the U.S. doesn't try to forestall situations where we'd need her veto. She requires the presence of the Palestinians in order to save us from their clutches.

Sure, we get enormous financial aid.

And that's where a note of hypocrisy creeps into our relationship with our benefactor. From time to time the U.S. Administration wonders all innocence why we're so greedy. From time to time it plays dumb and pretends not to know of this tragic situation where three million weary Jews who've just begun building their home in the desert are being forced to maintain a huge military force to defend themselves against a hundred-million millionaires building up an army of Nato size. The U.S. Administration acts as if it had no idea that nearly half of our GNP lies under wraps in our military emergency stores, and that if it weren't for this back-breaking burden we wouldn't be standing like beggars at their door.

All this generous American assistance, even when it's called economic, goes directly or indirectly to sustain a losing arms race.

All the parties involved have an interest in this race, each for his own reasons — except Israel who

can never win it. To be sure, Israel won't be defeated in battle: it'll collapse — economically and socially — under the fearful load of endless arms purchases.

Willy-nilly, this arms race turns us into a satellite whose survival will always depend on American good will. And it's precisely the arms race that supplies the Administration with its Open Sesame to the gates of the Middle East. That's why they keep it so delicately — and cynically — balanced. That's why they supply the Saudi Fire Brigade with \$3.5 billion worth of sophisticated weapons, and then, pretending not to know what those weapons are for, wonder plausibly why on earth we are presenting them with yet another military shopping list.

Where the arms race is concerned, there's close Arab-American cooperation. Only two things can upset this happy idyll: peace, or war. The first is anathema to the Arabs, the second is an American nightmare, so it follows there'll never be either peace or war around here, just an arms-race for ever and ever.

IT'S A FULLY planned vicious circle: when the Arabs have 10,000 tanks, we'll need at least 6,000; when they have 20,000 — we'll need 12,000, and so on *ad infinitum*. Interim agreements or not — the race will go on, and our total dependence on the U.S.

And this total dependence will mean total retreat to the 1967 borders and the striking of a Palestinian State in our throat, without peace.

Of course the Americans don't intend to abandon us. They'll stand by their obligations. So their post-Yom-Kippur dialogue with us runs like this:

"If you don't toe the line you won't get arms," they tell us. "But if you withdraw and make us the dominant power in the region we'll safeguard your existence."

"What kind of existence is that?" we ask. "We want missiles at 12 miles from Tel Aviv and only 200 yards from Jerusalem? You call that secure boundaries?"

"As long as we're here we'll protect you."

"And what if you're not?"

"That's a calculated risk you must take, because what's your alternative?"

OUR ONE AND ONLY alternative to our gradual destruction by arms race is to develop a nuclear deterrent of our own.

It's our single chance for telling our many enemies and our one friend: that's it, we're not playing any more, we refuse to go on running for ever in the circles you've drawn for us. We want no more of your arms, we want a sophisticated educational system.

Sooner or later we'll have to say it out loud. Sooner or later we'll have to announce: if any Arab army crosses this green line we reserve the right to use atomic weapons, and if it crosses the red line we'll drop the bomb automatically, even if this whole country's blown up by nuclear retaliation. You don't believe it? Try us!

Shocking? It's exactly what an interior West has been saying to a mighty Soviet bloc for the past 30 years. It's what has saved its skin, and it's what will keep the free world free when China and the USSR join forces — the bloody bomb.

Israel has no better ally.

We know all the arguments of the sanctimonious peace camp, who abominate any bomb that isn't in their two arsenals. We also know the Arabs will have one of their own eventually, whether we do develop ours or not. Still, for our neighbours it will mean the novel threat of a mass holocaust; for us it'll just be a difference in method since we have been living under the threat of annihilation from the moment this State was born.

True, the nuclear arms balance may wipe out the entire area or it may not — but the present arms race is going to finish us for certain.

ONE FINAL REMARK to reassure the reader who worries that such a hysterical race of willing may harm our relations with the U.S. Administration. No, it will improve them.

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Moscow and the Arab communists

By Mikhail Agursky

SINCE 1955 a number of small Arab communist parties have played an important role in furthering the Soviet Union's policy objectives in the Middle East.

The general idea of Soviet strategy in the area has been to take advantage of the foreign and domestic difficulties of the Arab countries as a means of gaining control over their governments. The Soviets have in fact themselves instigated some of these difficulties, for example by pushing the Arab countries to the verge of total defeat in the hands of Israel. Although they have often paid lip service to the cause of Arab unity, a strongly united Arab world is in fact the last thing the Soviets would like to see. For its success, however, Soviet policy has required some sort of domestic base within the Arab countries. And that is precisely the role assigned to the Arab communist parties.

The Soviet tactics in the area may be summarized roughly as follows. First support the Arabs in their conflict with Israel, but short of making them overwhelmingly superior. Next provoke them into military conflict with Israel on some vague promises of eventual assistance. Then, push the Arabs to the brink of debacle, but bail them out at the last moment with the help of the UN machinery. Finally, instigate the Arab countries massively on the pretence of helping them out in their hour of direst need — and take them over through the agency of the local communist parties.

Thus the Arab communist parties — even when they do not operate legally, which is in most cases — emerge as an indispensable, and the only reliable, instrument of the Soviet design for the Middle East.

The notion of the Arab communist parties, however, requires some explanation. Strictly ideological affinity is a necessary but by no means a sufficient condition. A communist leader becomes truly reliable in the eyes of the Kremlin only when it has acquired some control over him. This may be done in several ways: by extending him financial aid or by working on his weak psychological points, or even by plain intimidation. The reliable communist leader is one who fully accepts that any act of deviation or disobedience might lose him all the benefits of the Soviet connection, and could even result in his physical elimination. Having resigned himself to his inextinguishable role in the Soviet apparatus, he becomes, in the Soviet vocabulary, "our man."

READERS' LETTERS

TWEEDLEDUM AND TWEEDLEDEE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As an American who has dabbled in politics after a fashion, now temporarily residing in Israel, I read with amusement Max Fisher's praise of President Ford's friendship toward Israel (April 2) as though he were the only one on the American political scene upon whom Israel can depend in its hour of need.

Being a partisan Republican from way back, I have no quarrel with his advocating Mr. Ford's nomination and re-election.

Truth is, though there is no difference, not even the slightest, between the Republican and Democratic mentality regarding foreign policy: it's Tweedledum and Tweedledee. No matter which party sweeps to victory in the election next November, Israel's fortunes will remain the same. For foreign policy, unlike domestic policy, is planned and finished long, long in advance, by certain people entrenched in high places over the years.
JACK GREENFAST
Jerusalem

CASINO IN EILAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I have just returned from Eilat and it struck me as an ideal location for a casino type of resort like Las Vegas. This would attract tourists who are not primarily interested in archaeology but are out to have a good time.
The financial influx to Israel's economy is the primary motivation of this suggestion.
You already have legalized state lotteries, so why not go one step further and attract real money?
GEORGE G. ROSENBERG
Bergenfield, N.J.

This sort of arrangement is, of course, far easier to secure with small, underground communist parties than with legal mass parties common in Western Europe. That is why the French and the Italian communists, for example, have freed themselves from Soviet Russia's tentacles with comparative ease.

RECENTLY, however, the role of the Arab communist parties has undergone some change. A growing number of Arab countries have come to realize that the Soviet Union was merely using them as pawns in its own global power game, and they are now less prone to submit to domination by Soviet imperialism. Egypt's defection is only the most radical manifestation of this trend, which exceptions such as Libya's probably cannot reverse.

In this somewhat new situation, with the hopes of actual communist coups now faded — and it is worth recalling that there had been attempted communist coups in Egypt, Iraq, Sudan and Algeria — the Arab communist parties have acquired a rather modified character. They are no longer viewed as potential wielders of state power, at least not in the near future, but as agents of political extremism charged with keeping the area in permanent state of turmoil and tension, and with preventing any further shift by the Arab countries to the West.

The extremism of the Arab communists today is perhaps most readily recognized in their pronouncements on the question of Israel's right to existence, which they reject. This is obviously in line with the directives Arab communists receive from Moscow, for it can hardly be imagined that an independent Arab communist stance would be allowed on so central an issue. That is why statements on Israel by Arab communist leaders at such ceremonial gatherings as congresses of the Soviet communist party serve as indications not only of the nature of communist indoctrination of the Arabs but also of long-term Soviet purposes in the area.

Here are some examples. At the 1971 Soviet party congress, Iraqi communist leader Adis Muhammad urged everyone "to take an active part in the liquidation of the consequences of imperialist aggression

against the Arab countries, to help the Palestinian resistance movement and the people of Palestine which is striving to return to its homeland and to its destiny in its own land." This could have been little doubt left the minds of Muhammad's listeners that the "homeland" of Palestinians embraced the entire area between the Jordan river and the Mediterranean Sea.

Similarly, there was only surmountable ambiguity in the statement made at the same congress by Lebanese communist leader Nicola Shawl, "Arab peoples," he said, "which the victims of permanent imperial aggression and Zionist occupation, fully realize the decisive role of Soviet assistance and of Soviet foreign policy in the struggle for liberation of Arab territories from Israeli occupation, for securing national rights of all peoples including the Arab people of Palestine." Again, there could be little doubt that the "Zionist occupation" referred only to the West Bank and the G Strip but to Galilee, the Sharon, the Negev as well.

THE SAME line of Arab communist — and, evidently, Kremlin — thinking was exemplified in the speech by Arab communist leaders at year's Soviet party congress. It was, at the very least, not slightest hint, in the words of a speaker, of readiness to contemplate the existence of an independent Israel, under any conditions.

less remarkable was the fact that a single speaker so much adverted to the existence of so-called "progressive" forces within Israel as is usually done by communist comparable cases. When the names of communists were locked mortal combat with U.S. troops, never ceased appealing "progressive" Americans who were eager for immediate peace. As Arab communists are concerned, however, Israel may be written along with all of its "progressive" indeed, it is an amazing fact, often realized, that no group of communists from any Arab country, yet held — not on the record, in case — a bilateral meeting with Israeli counterparts from Tel Aviv. The Rakah functionaries may be useful agents of subversion in Israel, but they are unfit for a handshake by their fellow Arab communists.

OUTLAW RAKAH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In view of the disturbed and anti-Government protest, communists have caused in country, it is obvious to me that it is nothing but a fifth column, time to outlaw this party, as a democracy, the United States, a time of need.
M. SANDU
Jerusalem.

Pardess Hama.

JOSEPH GREEN

SHALOM ISRAEL

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